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## Baptist Collegiate Ministry dedicates new structure

by  
Clay Meyer

The Baptist Collegiate Ministry is not new to LSUS, but their building is.

The building was officially dedicated on Sept. 8. The BCM began construction on the new facility last spring.

With the beginning of the fall semester, the BCM made an effort to increase student awareness of the ministry.

As students were welcomed back to school during the week of Aug. 26, the BCM had an event each night.

"I like the effort that the BCM is making to increase student awareness by holding open house events the first week of school," said Tim Martin, a sophomore business administration major. "It encourages students to come take part while also allowing them to learn about the organization and its purpose."

Events included a campus scavenger hunt, flag football and a free cookout.

The BCM is a student-led ministry that reaches out to stu-

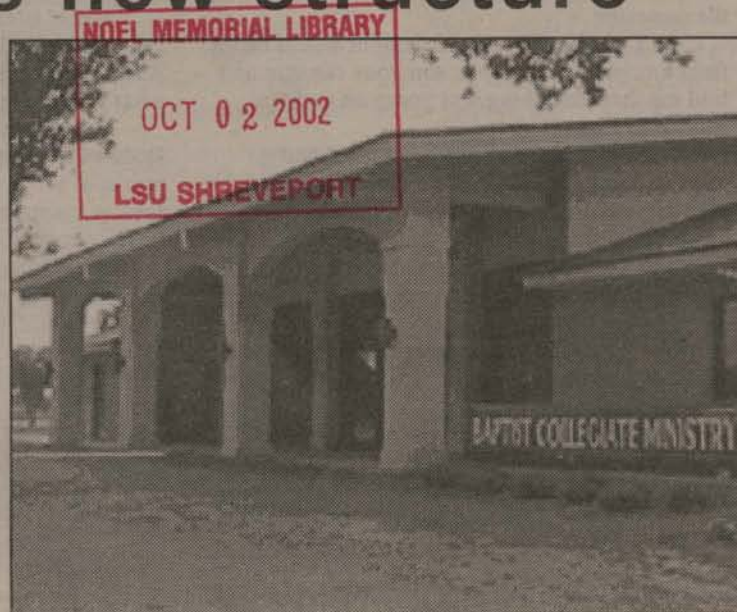


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The Baptist Collegiate Ministry building is located in the northeast corner of the campus by East King's Hwy.

dents by giving them a comfortable Christian atmosphere.

"On the first day of school walking up the stairwell, I noticed a hot pink flyer that stated, 'Come hang out and get free stuff at the BCM,'" said Jeff Davis, a freshman general studies major. "This flyer caught my

attention and informed me of an organization and ministry that I wasn't aware of at LSUS."

One flyer addressed the question of exactly what is the BCM: "It's... Fun, Friends and Fulfilling."

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## College Democrats of America seeking new members for chapter

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Jessica Beech

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## SGA fails to meet quorum at meeting, holds vote online

by  
Jennifer Knafle

The Student Government Association Senate was unable to vote during its Aug. 29 meeting because it lacked the 51 percent of members present required to have quorum.

At the prompting of SGA President Jeff Strozier, the vote for appointments to senator-at-large positions and secretary as well as amendments to the organization's bylaws was conducted online via e-mail.

The SGA bylaws require under Article IX, Part B that "all business conducted in the Senate, without a quorum (51 percent of the total Senate membership) being present is considered null and void."

However, because the voting took place online, the question is a matter of what constitutes a meeting.

According to the bylaws, regular meetings are to occur during common hour on Thursdays, except during holidays and summer sessions.

Special meetings may be called by the president, vice president or a majority of the

senate at a senate meeting if each senator is given 24-hour notice.

"It would have been a waste of a whole meeting to wait until the next meeting two weeks away to vote on old business," said Senator-at-Large Rebecca Huffy. "We only have 45 minutes as it is."

This is the first time the SGA has held a vote online and President Jeff Strozier said that if any of the senators had objected he would have reconsidered the matter.

"In my opinion there is nothing in the constitution that prohibits voting online, but I don't claim to be a master of the constitution," Strozier said.

Dr. William Pederson, director of History/Social Science, said that the very word quorum means to be present.

However, Pederson said that the SGA is not set up like other three-branch governments and that while the SGA may be the executive and legislative branch, the duties of the judicial segment would likely fall under the SGA adviser, Dr. Gloria

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University receives new endowed professorship

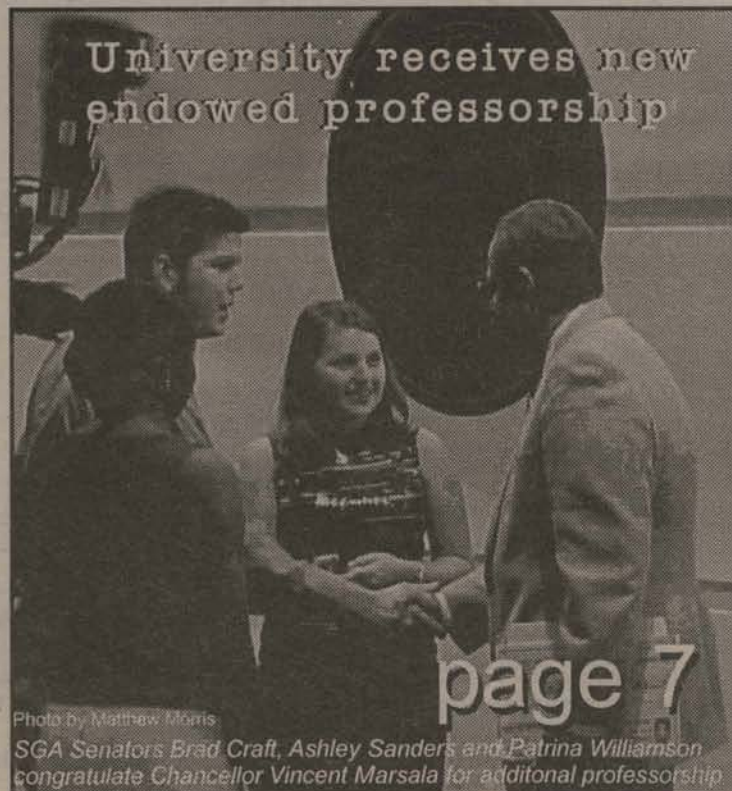


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SGA Senators Brad Craft, Ashley Sanders and Patrina Williamson congratulate Chancellor Vincent Marsala for additional professorship.

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# From the editor

## ■ The Almagest is your newspaper

On the first anniversary of the attacks on what has come to be known as 9/11, many people are tired of being reminded of the terror they experienced every time they tune into the media.

It isn't fun to be reminded of the problems of the world and many would rather pretend these problems didn't exist.

However, it is our job as journalists to portray the world as it is, not as we wish it would be.

Sometimes this is a difficult job. At this time last year, we were working on our second issue of the semester.

As I was putting what I thought would be the final touches on the paper, someone came in and told me that something was going on and we needed to find a TV.

I was in a hurry to finish the issue and go to class so I didn't pay much attention until someone said that an airplane had crashed into the World Trade Center.

Shocked, my reaction was to continue working on the paper so I could then get on the Internet and find out that someone was just pulling my leg.

Not long after that someone came into the office again and said that another plane had crashed into the Pentagon.

My reaction to this cannot be printed.

Before I knew what was going on there was a crowd gathered around an old barely functioning TV in the Almagest office watching as the Twin Towers collapsed and people jumped to their deaths to try to escape.

We then had to do what every other publication in the country was doing at the time: scrap everything and cover what we all felt was the most important story of our lifetimes as best we could.

As you can see on page three, Chris Alexander rushed into the office of Dr. Johnette McCrery, an assistant professor in the department of communications, to interview her husband Rep. Jim McCrery who had been driving near the Pentagon moments after the plane crashed.

It was my job as editor in chief to somehow work through the tears and come up with an editorial expressing the fears I was feeling as I heard people already start making hostile comments about Arabs.

Not only was I afraid there would be a backlash against my friends of Middle-Eastern descent if the attack proved to be a result of Arab aggression against the United States, I was afraid as a journalist that the response to the attacks would endanger those freedoms that we all cherish as Americans such as freedom of speech and the press.

Personally, I try to avoid discussing the situation in the Middle East because I find myself in the Bible Belt where many people believe that the nation of Israel is God's kingdom on earth and it is the duty of the United States to support them no matter what.

My opinion is somewhat different and while before 9/11 I would have been known to throw my fist in the air and shout "Free Palestine," after-

ward I was afraid to even be around people when they talked about it.

I wrote my editorial about these fears and how if we let these fears dictate how we react to the attacks then the terrorists have won.

The terrorists were trying to manipulate Americans into forgetting what makes us Americans.

If we had succumbed to the temptation to oppress minority points of view, the United States would have become a mirror of Afghanistan under the Taliban.

Intolerance of dissent strangles the discourse of democracy and it is this freedom to disagree that the terrorists were trying to destroy.

A year later, though many freedoms have been threatened in the name of security, the First Amendment is relatively intact and I can write what I feel is right in the newspaper.

The purpose of the Almagest is to give students a forum for the expression of different points of view, while providing students, staff and faculty a source of reliable information about the LSUS campus.

The Almagest is paid for by the Student Activities Fee and is tangible proof that students can get what they pay for out of the university.

With the \$6000 increase the Almagest received in our budget, putting it at \$28,000, we have expanded our editorial staff in hopes we can provide a better paper for you.

To do this we need your help. I want to know what you want to see in your paper. If you feel some area of the university has been neglected, tell us.

This semester we plan on doing stories explaining exactly how the increases to student fees are being spent. It is student money and students should decide what is done with it.

In addition, we are working on stories about changes in the administration of the university, plans for the future of the school and the condition the university is in right now.

Though we can't promise to give you the news you want, we will give you the news that is true as best we can.

Some people are afraid of the truth and don't believe you should be told the facts when they might be difficult to deal with.

It is up to us as Americans to fight the temptation to oppress the truth in the interest of personal interests and power games, for it is this kind of motivation that led to the attacks of 9/11.

In a small way, you can use the Almagest to help fight this battle on our own campus by telling us about the stories you feel need to be addressed.

If you are unsatisfied with any aspect of the university and feel something should be changed, tell us. Only by bringing up the problems can they be fixed.

Though some would rather we didn't print the negative aspects of this school, or life in general, it is our duty to do so in the hopes that by exposing the problems we face we may help to change them.

As your newspaper the Almagest is here so that you too may enjoy the freedom we are entitled to as Americans.

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## Clarifications

In this section of the paper we correct mistakes we may have made in past issues. The Almagest is written, edited and produced by students for the students, staff and faculty of LSUS. As students, we are still learning and are subject to the same mistakes commercial publications make. However, we feel we should learn from these mistakes rather than repeat them incessantly. As a teaching tool, the Almagest allows journalism students the experience they need to become professional journalists. As part of this commitment to our readers, we ask that any factual errors in our publication be reported to [Almagest@pilot.lsus.edu](mailto:Almagest@pilot.lsus.edu) so that we may correct ourselves.

In the last issue of the Spring 2002 semester we misspelled the name of the university's director of media and public relations, Gregg Trusty. Sorry Gregg.



# 9/11 attacks recounted by U.S. Representative Jim McCrery

by  
Christopher Alexander

"Hey honey it's me. It is about ten till ten. My cell phone...It's not....I can't get through on it. I think because so many people are using the cell phone lines it just jammed. The phone here is working. I really don't have anywhere to go because traffic is a mess. I did pass right by the Pentagon right after the explosion where the plane crashed. There was smoke everywhere. The plane actually missed the Pentagon and crashed on the heli-pad. I was right there. I drove right by it, and then I made my way back

here, which was a hat trick with all the traffic and the police." This is what assistant professor Dr. Johnette McCrery heard from her husband, U.S. Rep. Jim McCrery, on her answering machine Tuesday morning.

Later that morning, at 11 a.m. Eastern Time, the World Trade Center in New York City crumbled to the ground.

This was a result of two hijacked commercial airplanes crashing into the buildings at the start of the workday. Planes also reportedly went down in Somerset County, Penn., and outside the Pentagon.

"This is possibly the most devastating terrorist attack in the

history of the world," said McCrery in a phone interview moments after the incident.

"I managed to get out of the Capitol," McCrery said. "There was no damage to the Capitol, but the Pentagon did have some casualties. I was driving by the Pentagon, and it was a mess."

At the time of the interview, McCrery said he knew only that "an unconfirmed number of planes had been high-jacked."

Although not physically hurt, McCrery said he was "certainly shaken by the tragedy."

As of Tuesday afternoon, there was no confirmation of the number of casualties; everyone in the Capitol was evacuated, and all hospital workers were on duty.

Airports were closed until further notice.

"We don't know who did this, but Bin Laden stated several weeks ago that his organization was planning to strike U.S. interests," McCrery said. "But everyone thought it would happen abroad."

McCrery added, "This underscores the need to become more vigilant in security measures, especially in airports."

Regardless of who executed the attack, McCrery said it "took much planning and to my knowledge there was no sign that this would happen."

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Photo by Christopher Alexander

Students return to class after a moment of silence dedicated to the victims of the 9/11 attacks.

## Remembering September 11

### Editor's Note:

The job of the journalist is to chronicle the moments in history as they happen.

This was never more apparent than last year at this time, when our production editor, Chris Alexander, and I scrambled to redo an entire issue in the middle of a room full of journalism students absorbed in the coverage of these violent events.

Chris was quick enough to get an interview with Representative Jim McCrery moments after the attack on the Pentagon and World Trade Center.

We thought the best way we

could remember the events of last year was to reprint his article.

We've learned a lot over the past year. Unfortunately, Chris's most recent lesson was that sometimes going out in the field can be dangerous.

After going to take pictures for this week's *Almagest* on Monday, Chris injured himself while trying to help a friend repair his radiator.

It is this dedication to getting the story that makes a true journalist, and we'd like to thank Chris for always being there when we need him.

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## The First Amendment to the United States Constitution

***Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.***



Photo by Christopher Alexander

On September 11, 2001, students gathered with Dr. Johnette McCrery in the *Almagest* office to watch events unfold

## Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

The inevitable 9/11 anniversary has arrived. In this time of mourning for the thousands of victims from this troubling national tragedy, we must reflect on the immediate ramifications of the event and the future of America. Homeland security concerns and the fears of Americans have changed our lives in dramatic ways.

Everyday vigilance replaced the laissez-faire attitude toward trusting others. Terrorism as a concept is now more real following the haunting image of the collapsing twin towers and the Pentagon damage. The 'winds of war' moving the United States military into a conflict with Iraq and other rogue nations are forcibly invoked by government officials.

For a personal perspective, I am a former New Yorker. The NYC skyline, as viewable flying into the city via LaGuardia Airport, will never be the same again. The conspicuous 16-acre pit looming in lower Manhattan remains a reminder of what was lost in this terrible attack.

Let us think about the families affected by the death of loved ones. Additionally, we should contemplate the future of foreign policy as driven by the war on terrorism.

Finally, Americans must remain concerned by the impact of heightened security as affecting freedoms enjoyed by the civilian population. There is a clear trade-off that every one must consider in our concern about security issues and the protection of American citizens.

The legacy of 9/11 leaves us with many unsubstantiated theories regarding what went wrong, the impact of heightened security concerns upon our everyday lives, and prospects for future generations of American citizens.

Ultimately, we feel vulnerable pondering the future as American citizens collectively reflect on events during the past year.

Dr. Lloyd Klein,  
Assistant professor  
History and social sciences department



## Democrats seek recognition from Student Organizations Council

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more than just campaigning.

The group of students will be involved with service organizations in the community and will be active on campus.

The group wants to work with area high schools to set up voter registration drives.

CDA also hopes to have guest speakers come to campus in order to make students aware of political issues that affect them.

CDA is the official student branch of the Democratic Party. It is a grassroots progressive organization that looks to train

the younger generations to be involved in the political world, according to Schneider.

CDA members hope to use America's youth to shape the future of the Democratic Party.

There are currently over 60,000 active College Democrats members across the country.

National president of CDA, Ashley D. Bell, is a law student at LSU in Baton Rouge. Bell said she is excited about the LSUS addition to CDA.

"The College Democrats



of America are proud of the progress in Shreveport.

Our democratic candidates in Louisiana need college democrats to help them motivate and mobilize students to go to the polls on election day," said Bell.

The LSUS group met for the first time this past Tuesday at common hour to brainstorm goals for the semester and to set up the foundation of their constitution.

There are no fees involved to be a member.

CDA just asks that its members volunteer time for community service projects and local political campaigns.

CDA hopes to keep LSUS students connected with the political arena by letting students know the national Democrat Party's ideals and leading students to draw their own conclusions.

For more information on the national College Democrats of America organization log on to [www.collegedems.com](http://www.collegedems.com). To join the LSUS chapter, contact Micheal Schneider at [mikey3977@cs.com](mailto:mikey3977@cs.com).

## Campus-wide computer lab will move to Old Library

by  
*J. Willoughby*

Anyone who has been on the south side of the LSUS campus has probably noticed what seems to be an abandoned structure next to the Sciences Building.

This building held the library before the completion of the Noel Memorial Library in 1993.

It has since been dubbed the "Old Library" and, although it wasn't abandoned, it has been scarcely used for nearly a decade.

Until last year the computer science department had offices on the first floor for lack of a better location.

The building was also used as a temporary location for science classes while the Sciences Building underwent renovations several years ago.

After years of bureaucratic red tape, the Old Library's redesign has begun to take shape. LSUS began renovating the building this past June.

Don Bloxom, director of facility services, said, "It is my hope that the completion of this project will be the catalyst in revitalizing the south side of this campus."

The renovation by All Seasons Construction is by no means a small endeavor.

The process began in the early 90's with people submitting proposals for the building's use, with the current design being approved and completed three years ago.

The budget has been set at approximately \$3.2 million.

This budget is expected to cover the both the building renovations and the purchase of new equipment.

Construction is currently ahead of schedule, which should allow the project to be completed by February 2003.

The building will be

occupied by the bookstore, the division of continuing education, the computer science department, and computing services.

The bookstore will be relocating to the first floor of the building, taking up nearly 40

"We're hoping to get together with the art department to be able to offer the many supplies those classes require," she said. "We also hope to have more reference and study aids."

Continuing education will dominate the rest of the floor

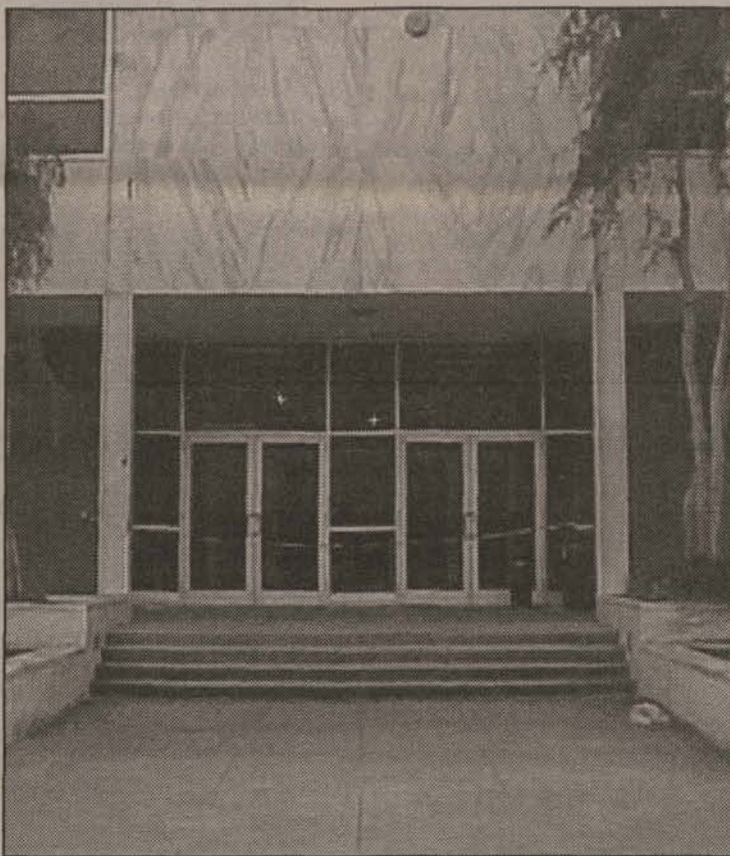


Photo by Dominic Claiborne

*The Old Library is being renovated to prepare for the campus-wide lab, bookstore and Computer Science*

percent of the floor. This will result in the bookstore's nearly tripling in size.

Angela McNicoll, director of Auxiliary Enterprises, said she feels that the larger space will better provide for handicapped students, allowing more freedom for them to move around.

McNicoll is also hoping that in the future the bookstore will be able to offer things that they simply do not have the room for now.

with 60 percent of the space being used for their offices and classrooms.

This comes as a great relief for both the students and faculty in continuing ed.

Right now the division's offices are spread throughout the first floor of Bronson Hall, with one lab in the Business and Education Building.

"The new facility will allow a greater concentration of staff and facilities in one location,"

said Dr. Severn Doughty, dean of the division of Continuing Education and Public Service.

Computer science will take about 40 percent of the building's second floor for its offices, classrooms, and labs.

The new facilities will not only provide the computer science department with adequate space to call its own, but will include new technology as well, including two robotics labs and a space dedicated to their fledgling bioinformatics program.

The gains will vastly improve the quality of education those in computer science will receive.

Dr. Paul Sisson, chair of mathematics and computer science and director of masters in systems technology said, "It will allow us to offer more updated, modern curricula. As we modernize and build new programs, it will give the students a better degree that will lead to better jobs."

Computing services will take up 30 percent of the floor with the new campus-wide lab, replacing the lab that is currently on the second floor of Bronson Hall.

The new location will mean a major increase in size and the amount of equipment for the campus-wide lab.

Anyone who has desperately needed to finish a paper or print out that project that's due in 15 minutes, only to find that there is no computer available should appreciate the new lab. It will also allow for the lab to be better recognized as its own entity.

Del Johnson, campus-wide lab manager said, "Not only are we going to double our capacity, but we'll move out of the quiet little corner in Bronson Hall and into a newly renovated building."

The remainder of the second floor will be divided among various other departments.

## LSUS Student Organization Counsel names two Advisers of the Year

by  
*Misty McClintock*

The LSUS Student Organization Counsel awarded two advisers the title of Adviser of the Year last spring.

Dr. Lisa Burke, adviser for the Society of Human Resource Management and Candy Bagley, adviser for the Louisiana Association of Educators Programs were recognized for "just doing so much," according to Michelle Saunders, SOC president.

The process that chose the advisers was in the hands of the students of LSUS.

Student organizations on campus wrote letters stating why their adviser should be recognized as Adviser of the Year.

The letters were then reviewed by a group of five SOC student members and four LSUS teachers.

Although SOC's current adviser, Shannon Murphy, was present, she did not vote.

Other awards were also given for excellence by the SOC.

One award was the Student of the Year award. Nominated by professors who know them, the recipient was chosen according to a student's dedication to his or her club, how many years he or she has been actively involved in a club or clubs and other factors.

This year's Student of the Year was Jeff Strozier, who is president of the Student Government Association.

"As SGA president, Jeff Strozier works so hard and does so much around campus," Saunders said. "He is really deserving of this award." Strozier was nominated by LSUS professors who recognized his leadership in SGA over the last year.

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## New network offers students free online job-search tool

by  
*Jennifer Knafla*

The University's Career Center is now part of the ERecruiting Network.

ERecruiting, an automated data management tool from Experience.com, is the leading web-based Career Center Management solution for universities. The network, implemented in August, allows students and alumni to manage their own job searches on-line for free. First, by obtaining a password through the Career Center, students and graduates can upload multiple versions of their resumes and other job-seeking documents.

Then, the center can scan its database of resumes in response to employer requests. According to Experience.com, each year over 40,000 recruiters access millions of candidates across 3,800 U.S. colleges and universities through the recruiting solutions.

Most importantly, it can get resumes of qualified candidates in front of employers the students and alumni may not have known were recruiting.

Focused on the concept that with limited budgets and

time, career centers are asked to do more with less, Brian Hirsh, director of the Career Center, sees the program as a way to enhance the center's ability to serve the students, alumni and employers. "Generally, students should start their job search about six months before they graduate," Hirsh said. This is the third year that the Career Center has offered an on-line job search system. Hirsh said that the new program can be a little confusing at first, but is rather easy to use after getting used to it.

Accessed at any time of the day, the network is designed to conveniently provide information on jobs, internships, guidance and support.

The tool's look and feel allows students to utilize technology that feels familiar to them.

Future modifications will tie in the university with ERecruiting's national job listings, allowing individuals access to jobs posted at more than 400 colleges and universities.

The system, which is free to employers as well, will also enable the Career Center to tailor recruitment so as to be more specific to the employer's needs.

## Online senate vote passes proposals without opposition

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Raines, vice chancellor of student affairs.

"I don't see anything inappropriate about it," Raines said. "We are in the technology age now and since all of the senators have access to the Internet and are able to cast their vote that way, I believe that it is a legitimate means of voting."

Huffty said that had the organization waited to vote at the next meeting to fill the vacant seats of the senators-at-large, the senate would have been in violation of its constitution ensuring a review of the nominations within five class days from receiving the nomination.

Stroizer said that if a student did have a problem with the manner in which the vote was handled, a petition should be given to the SGA's Internal Affairs/Rules Committee.

Raines said that she sees nothing legally wrong with the

senate's vote online but feels that it should be addressed somewhere in the future in the bylaws.

"For formal meetings that address controversial issues, I would say that there should still be actual bodies in the room for a quorum, but for regular bookkeeping business, I think electronic meetings would be fine," Raines said.

The vacant Senator-at-Large positions were filled by Kevin Powell, Margaret Willis, Wendi Sizemore and Dee Alexander.

Heather Kleckinger was approved as executive secretary.

All proposed amendments to the bylaws pertaining to the duties of the executive board were also approved.

In other business, three SGA Senators resigned as of Sept. 3: Alicia Bates, Jessica Beech and Dominic Claiborne.

Jason Gills was removed from senatorial position for no longer meeting the qualifications.

## More books for the buck

### Students seek alternatives to campus bookstore

by  
*Angela Gehrls*

With the fall semester in progress, many students are agonizing over the rising costs of books and wondering where is the best place to buy them.

There are several places for LSUS students to buy textbooks: the Campus Bookstore, Campus Corner and on-line.

Which is the cheapest, most convenient option?

The Campus Bookstore has a large quantity of in-stock books, new and used, but students often look elsewhere for better prices.

Students have their own theories on why book prices are so high and buyback rates so low, ranging from bookstore money-making schemes to the high costs of printing and publishing books.

"I think they go up every semester, and I think the reason why they do this is because they only buy back so many books at the end of the semester so each semester they can buy more new books," said Alicia Tucker, a senior broadcast journalism major. Students then have to spend more for the new books because there are less used books to buy.

Tucker bought all her books at the Campus Bookstore, five in all, and spent approximately \$275. She also said that these were all used paperbacks.

Campus Bookstore manager, Angela McNicoll, was unavailable for comment due to the tremendous amount of business at the bookstore during this time.

Campus Corner manager, Lisa McCary, said that the buyback quota is based on the number of books that were sold the prior semester, added to the amount of business expected for the next semester.

Campus Corner is located across the road from LSUS on Youree Drive.

McCary said they were not expecting the flood of students they got so soon before the semester started, thus, many of the books sold out quickly.

"I went to Campus Corner

first," Tucker said, "but they didn't have any of the books I needed."

McCary said Campus Corner's relocation from the Eastgate shopping center had a lot to do with the lack of books in stock. "We've been closed for a year and a half, and we had no idea what to expect. We missed, is what happened," she said.

Campus Bookstore was \$101.65 new, at Campus Corner, \$76.15 used, StudentMarket.com offered pricing comparisons at Half \$64.30 used, USPS Media Mail, Powells \$111.20 new, economy mail and Amazon \$118.75 new, UPS ground.

An Organic Chemistry book was \$116.95, new only, at the Campus Bookstore, \$109.50,



photo by Chris Alexander

Genna Thivodeaux, sophomore psychology, purchases books with her mother Ginny Guthrie from bookstore clerk Jonathan Williams, a liberal arts major.

Campus Corner does offer book preorders, however, if the student knows what books he will be needing for a future semester, if not too far in advance, then McCary can order them and hold them up until the first week of class. The store also price-matches other bookstore prices for larger classes where a lot of books have been ordered, mainly ones for which the stores are selling 50 or 80 books.

Campus Corner's buyback rate is also 50 percent of its listed book price.

Ordering online is a convenient way to buy books, if students know in advance which ones they will need. Studentmarket.com is a good example, because it gives prices for the largest on-line bookstores with shipping costs included.

Here are a few price comparisons for the three resources available for students to buy books.

A Finance 450 book at the

new, at Campus Corner and StudentMarket.com had quotes for Half \$127.45 used, USPS Media Mail and Powells \$128 new, UPS ground.

Also, a Clinical Psychology book at the Campus Bookstore was \$63.35 used, at Campus Corner, \$66.55 used and StudentMarket.com quoted prices for Half \$94.40 used, UPS ground, Powells \$92.85 new, economy mail and Amazon \$94.95 new, UPS ground.

Depending on the type of book, the prices could be higher or lower at each available resource.

Communications textbooks were generally less expensive on-line, but chemistry and psychology books were more expensive.

Several disadvantages of ordering online include having to wait longer for books to arrive, higher shipping costs for faster delivery, and difficulty returning books ordered.

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# LSUS fraternities and sororities hold Rush Week to gain student support

by  
LaKesha Mosley

On Sept. 4 campus greeks launched a week-long Rush to recruit new members and publicize greek life.

The week allowed recognized and unrecognized fraternities and sororities to conduct a formal recruitment sched-

ule. In order to use the campus's facilities as a meeting place, the organization must be officially recognized by LSUS's Student Organization Counsel.

Some of the groups are resurrected chapters and plan to petition the national organization for sponsorship.

Unrecognized fraternities and sororities used the Rush

Week as a way to obtain enough members in order to be recognized by the SOC.

The two recognized male fraternities on campus are Tau Kappa Epsilon, aka TKE Interest Group, and Beta Gamma Iota.

The three recognized female sororities are Phi Mu, Zeta Tau Alpha of the National Panhellenic Conference and Delta Sigma Theta of the National Pan-Hellenic Conference that is part of the Nationally Historic Black Fraternities and Sororities organization.

DST holds a separate intake process from the formal recruitment process.

Rush started with Philanthropy Day. Skits, dances and testimonial speeches filled the middle of the week.

Formal bidding took place at the end of the week at which time recruits are mandated to officially select which fraternity or sorority they would like to join. The members of each fraternity or sorority then chose the recruits they believed would add to the organization.

Each brotherhood and sisterhood is represented by colors and letters proudly displayed by its members.

To non-members, these dec-

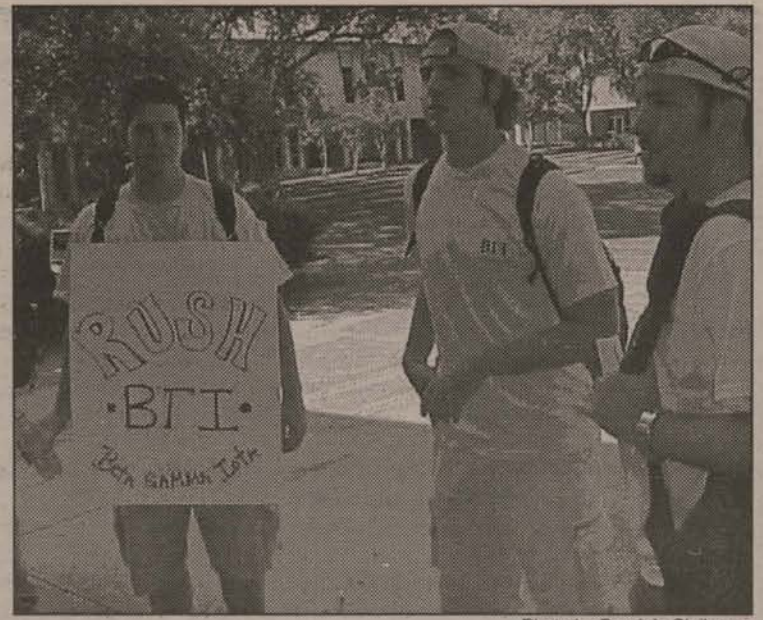


Photo by Dominic Claiborne

Brothers from Beta Gamma Iota display their letters in an attempt to reel in new members. Fraternities are a good example of male pack behavior.

orations act as symbols of Greek membership.

However, President Charity Morgan of DST said that each color and letter has a symbolic meaning to it and that the organizations stand for more than just symbols.

"Don't join just because of colors and letters, join because you have the same goals, beliefs and values that DST does, and be ready to actively participate in the planned activities," Morgan said.

The first Thursday of every

month, the UC will house the Crimson and Cream night hosted by DST.

Many of the fraternities and sororities actively participate in many community functions. TKE supports the Relay For Life American Cancer Society and, according to their president, Benjamin Thomas, it promotes personal worth and character.

"We focus on who you are, not where you come from," Thomas said. ZTA dedicates its time to the Susan G. Korman Breast Cancer Foundation.

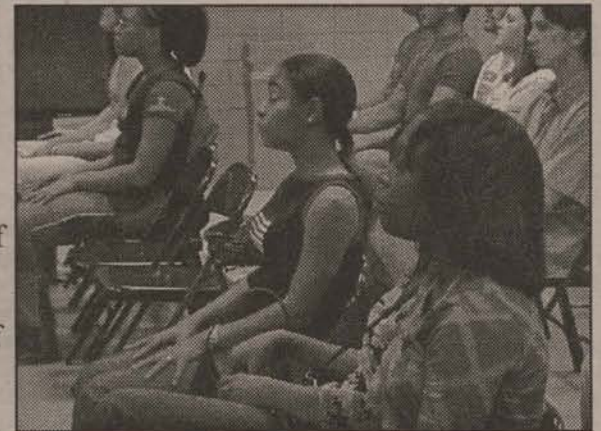


Photo by Matt Morris

New sisters rush to join Zeta Tau Alpha at the end of this semester's recruitment period. These societies allow young women to explore the roles they may take on as they reach adulthood during their college years.

## Hypnotist Chip Flatow mesmerizes audience during common hour performance in UC

SAB sponsored a hypnotist demonstration in the lobby of the UC Thursday, Sept. 5 during common hour. The picture below shows the hypnotist in action. Many audience participants became part of the demonstration as well. People say a picture is worth a thousand words. If a word was worth a dollar the photo to the right would have netted it's taker a cool grand.



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## Summer Crime Roundup

**May 24**

**9:05 p.m.** A resident at the University Court Apartments called the Campus Police after her brother reportedly made threats. According to her, he had been angered that there were several males in her apartment along with his sister and girlfriend. She said that after he threw a hairbrush at her she advised him that she would call the police and he left the area quickly.

**May 25**

**9:20 a.m.** Campus police were notified that a man was coming to the UCA to get his run-away daughter. He produced custody papers and asked to carry her back home with him. The daughter said that her mother was incarcerated and that she had been staying with an aunt until the night before. She said her aunt would not allow her to stay in her home anymore because she had been having sex with her boyfriend there. Her father was advised that if the daughter was 18 and the boyfriend was more than two years older that it was considered rape even if it was consensual. He decided not to press charges at the time.

**May 28**

**9:30 p.m.** A burglary was reported at the University Court Apartments. The suspect had broken the front window of an apartment to reach in and unlock the door. A television, VCR and antenna were reported missing.

**June 13**

**2:30 p.m.** A worker in the administration building reported that \$80 had been stolen from her purse when she left her office. A witness said she saw a woman coming down the hall from that direction. The suspect was spotted leaving the administration building. When brought into the police office, the suspect said she had been looking for financial aid forms but offered to give the complainant \$80 to avoid trouble. It was accepted.

**August 12**

**1:15 p.m.** A student was called into the Campus Police office after having allegedly made threatening statements regarding Financial Aid. When asked about it, he said that the people in Financial Aid were rude and uncooperative. He admitted to making a comment to the effect of "and they wonder why people get killed," but did not consider this a threat so much as a complaint. He was advised that any threat made on school property is taken seriously and that he should not return to the Financial Aid office without first notifying Campus Police.

**August 24**

**12:45 p.m.** Four students complained that their cars had been vandalized. Officers observed that the cars' windshields were covered with shoe polish to the point that it would be impossible to see to drive. The complainant's cars were adorned with Phi Mu paraphernalia which had been defaced. The initials "ZTA" and slogans such as "Phi Who?" and "ZTA Rocks" were allegedly written on these cars.

**August 26**

**3:20 p.m.** A student reported having been threatened by another student. The other student allegedly approached him on his way to class and threatened to shoot him, either on campus or at his home. After the complainant went to class he returned to his car and found the other student waiting for him, repeating his threats. The complainant said he had dated the other student's wife while they were separated and that he had been threatened several times since.

**August 29**

**11:30 a.m.** Campus Police were called about screaming from a stairwell in the Business and Education Building. A man and his alleged wife were reportedly arguing over a repair bill to the wife's automobile. The woman involved refused to talk about the incident.

**12:30 p.m.**

While a Campus Police officer was directing traffic a car failed to stop, changed lanes and sped off the campus. The officer wrote down his license number after witnessing the suspect run a red light during heavy traffic. Soon thereafter the suspect reportedly called the Campus Police Emergency line and began to curse and threaten the officer. After this the suspect allegedly called several Administration offices and began cursing the secretaries. He was identified as a student and issued a citation.

## LSUS receives \$80,000 for two new endowed professorships

by  
Curtis Drayden

Have you ever heard the expression, "As soon as I graduate, I'm getting out of here for good?"

The best way to do this is to find a good paying job. The best paying jobs go to those best qualified. To help prepare LSUS students to be competitive in the workforce, the university must have the most qualified professors possible.

On Aug. 28 Dr. Joseph Savoie, Louisiana Commissioner of Higher Education presented Chancellor Vincent Marsala with two \$40,000 checks to help establish two new endowed professorships at LSUS.

Dr. James L. Ingold received the Spears Professorship, and Dr. Norman Dolch, the Khoury Professorship.

Gregg Trusty, director of Media and Public Relations, said

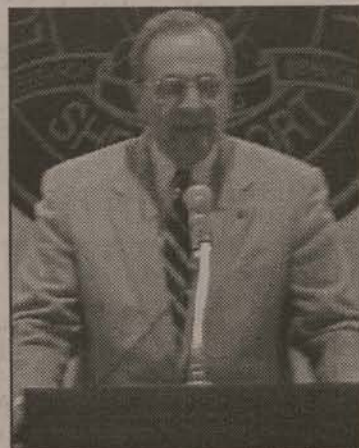


Photo by Matt Morris

*Dr. Marsala addresses the audience during the Aug. 28 presentation ceremony.*

that to ensure that a student has a good chance of success at or away from home, colleges and universities have to get and keep a higher quality of professors.

Once the university has the professors, there must be an incentive for them to stay at the

university.

According to Dr. Vincent Marsala, chancellor of LSUS, "professorship and chairs provide unique ways to demonstrate support for higher education."

There are several types of professorship including the standard or endowed for \$100,000, the super for \$200,000, the chair for \$1,000,000 and a Super Chairs for \$2,000,000.

"To create an endowed professorship, colleges and universities must raise 60 percent of the cost, a combination of funds generated through private sources. The Louisiana Board of Regents provides the 40 percent match creating the \$100,000 professorship," Trusty said.

The money is then put into a foundation and invested. The interest from this money is used to enhance salaries, academic programs, students and many other school organizations. "The prin-

ciple is not to touch," Trusty said.

The checks were for the George A Khoury Jr. Professorship in American Humanities in the college of Liberal Arts and the Dr. Richard K. Spears Professorship in Field Biology in the college of Science.

"The Khoury Professorship, whose donor is George A. Khoury Jr. and the Spears Professorship donated by Dr. Richard K. Spears, one of the original LSUS faculty members in 1967, are specific about which professor gets what and that it may rotate from year to year," Trusty said. "The Khoury Professorship will help the American Humanities and nonprofit administration increase their salary structure."

"What the revenue from the endowment of a professorship is used for is determined when the professorship is set up," Marsala said.



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# Plothole!

By Scott and Failey

PLOTHOLE PRESENTS...

WHY YOU  
SHOULD PAY  
ATTENTION IN  
CLASS!

Thus ends my lecture  
on aquatic organisms.  
See you on Friday!

LATER THAT DAY...

Dear God! Please don't  
shoot me!

I won't... Just  
answer one  
question for me...

What are the mating habits  
of a North American sea  
bass?

What? I...I don't  
know that!

**BLAM!!**

ANOTHER LESSON  
LEARNED...

## Put your butts in the ashtray

not your ass.

## Calendar of events

All events are in the University Center unless otherwise indicated.  
If your organization would like to be featured in the calendar of  
events email us at [almagest@pilot.lsus.edu](mailto:almagest@pilot.lsus.edu).

**Thurs. Sept. 12**

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Lifeshare blood drive  
UC Lobby

10:30 a.m.  
Bible Fellowship  
Pilots Room

BSA Meeting  
Red River Room

SGA Meeting  
Webster Room

7 p.m.  
Chi Alpha  
DeSoto Room

**Fri. Sept. 13**

12 p.m.  
SOC meeting?  
Louisiana A & B

1:30 p.m.  
Faculty Senate Meeting  
Webster Room

**Friday the 13th!**

**Sat. Sept. 14**
**Sun. Sept. 15**

7 p.m.  
Tau Kappa Epsilon  
Webster Room

Beta Gamma Iota  
Red River Room

**Mon. Sept. 16**
**Tues. Sept. 17**

10:30 a.m.  
CSU Meeting  
Pilots Room

SAB Meeting  
DeSoto Room

**Wed. Sept. 18**
**Thurs. Sept. 19**

10:30 a.m.  
Black Student Associa-  
tion  
Red River Room

Bible Fellowship  
Pilots Room

SGA Meeting  
Webster Room

7 p.m.  
Chi Alpha  
DeSoto Room

**Fri. Sept. 20**

7 p.m.  
"The Waiting Room"  
UC Theater  
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Students/Military/Seniors  
\$5  
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**Sat. Sept. 21**

7 p.m.  
"The Waiting Room"  
UC Theater  
Adults \$10  
Students/Military/Seniors  
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Call 797-5318

**Sun. Sept. 22**

3 p.m.  
"The Waiting Room"  
UC Theater  
Adults \$10  
Students/Military/Seniors  
\$5  
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